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“Drive Hammered, Get Nailed” - Deputies Pound out 6 DUI arrests in recent days



*In a recent 4 day span, YCSO deputies arrested 6 suspects in unrelated DUI incidents across the county ranging from the Congress and Camp Verde communities to areas in-between. As indicated in past media notices, deputies are often assigned special directed patrol missions to locate DUI drivers when part of a task force. But proactive work by deputies on general patrol has always been a priority and concerns regarding DUI drivers are a part of that focus. We hope these stories serve as a reminder that YCSO maintains a 24/7 vigilance on observed DUI situations which in part, protect innocent motorists using our roads throughout the county. In 2015, alcohol related crashes accounted for 4.24% of all crashes and **32.80%** of all fatal crashes across Arizona.*

August 25, 2016 – Bagdad - When a Bagdad deputy initiated a traffic stop just after 7 PM on a gray 2013 Dodge Ram for excessive speed, the driver eventually stopped after driving onto an embankment near the Bagdad steakhouse. The 48-year-old man from Prescott exhibited influence of alcohol intoxication and admitted consuming hard liquor within the last 30 minutes. He failed field sobriety tests and a reading from a portable breath analyzer indicated .176 breath alcohol concentration (BrAC). This reading is twice the state legal limit. The driver was booked at the Prescott Detention Center on several DUI charges and has since been released on a promise to appear.

August 26, 2016 – Prescott - While a deputy was exiting the rear of the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office building on Gurley Street just before 2 AM, he saw a black 2004 Ford Explorer run a stop sign at the intersection of Union Street and Marina Street. He stopped the Ford and contacted the driver, a 30-

year-old Prescott resident, about the violation. While talking with the driver, the deputy could smell the odor of alcohol and saw several open beer bottles on the floorboard behind the driver's seat. The driver admitted to recently drinking at a nearby bar after working his shift in a local restaurant. He failed field sobriety tests and exhibited obvious signs of impairment due to alcohol intoxication. A portable breath test indicated a reading of .081 BAC. As a result, he was booked at the Prescott Detention Center on DUI charges and later released on a citation for a future court appearance.

August 26, 2016 – Camp Verde – Just before 11PM, a YCSO deputy observed a 2005 Silver GMC truck weaving in lanes nearly striking a guardrail while travelling west on Highway 260. A traffic stop was conducted on Highway 260 near Old Highway 279. During contact with the driver, a 46-year-old man from Casa Grande, the deputy detected an odor of alcoholic beverages on his breath and person. The driver failed field sobriety tests and was arrested while denying any alcoholic beverage consumption.

He was transported to the Camp Verde Detention Center and refused to consent to any testing. A warrant was obtained resulting in a blood sample from the driver and he was later released on a citation pending court action.

August 27, 2016 – Congress – At approximately 1:30 AM, a YCSO deputy stopped a grey 2012 Ford Fiesta for several traffic violations on Ghost Town Road and Markle Lane, Congress. The vehicle was initially spotted on Highway 71 and prior to the stop, was observed exceeding the speed limit and weaving while crossing the centerline several times. During contact with the 26-year-old Morristown resident, the deputy could smell an intoxicating beverage on his breath. The deputy noticed a gun on the front passenger seat and an open can of beer wedged between the passenger seat and center console. The man admitted he should not be driving and a records check indicated his license had been revoked. He indicated drinking several beers and 'hard' lemonade drinks.

The deputy conducted several field sobriety tests which the driver failed. A portable breath test provided a reading of .188 BAC. The driver was arrested and booked at the Prescott Detention Center on numerous DUI related charges. The deputy determined he had 2 prior DUI convictions in 2010 and 2014. He has since been released on a promise to appear.

August 28, 2016 – Prescott - Around 2:30 AM, a YCSO deputy observed a red 2005 GMC Yukon weaving on Highway 69 near Lee Blvd in Prescott. The deputy stopped the vehicle and during contact with the driver, a 35-year-old Prescott resident, he immediately detected the odor of an intoxicating beverage. The driver exhibited symptoms of impairment and failed subsequent field sobriety tests.

During booking for DUI at the Prescott Detention Center, the driver provided a breath samples resulting in an average reading of .13 BAC. He has since been released on a promise to appear for his pending court case.

August 28, 2016, Prescott Valley – A YCSO deputy arrested a 33-year-old Prescott County Club resident for several charges including DUI, DUI drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, DUI- ignition interlock violation, and a warrant.

At approximately 2 PM, a YCSO deputy stopped a black sedan in the Prescott Valley Fry's parking lot on Glassford Hill Road after determining the registered owner had a valid warrant. The warrant suspect

was in fact the driver and detained. The records check also revealed she was required to have an ignition interlock device active while driving. This device requires a breath test from the driver before a vehicle will start assuming an intoxicating beverage is not detected on the breath. The device was not in place. During a conversation with the driver, the deputy detected obvious signs of impairment likely due to drug influence. She was arrested on the warrant and refused to allow a search of the vehicle interior.

A YCSO K9 conducted an exterior sniff of the vehicle resulting in an alert to the odor of drugs/narcotics coming from the vehicle. When deputies checked the interior, they found paraphernalia inside with an odor of marijuana. The driver later completed field sobriety tests which confirmed impairment due to drug influence. She did admit prior marijuana and meth use. A urine sample was provided which field tested positive for THC (marijuana) and meth.

The driver was subsequently released on a promise to appear pending a court filing.

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www.ycsoaz.gov